



**Waiver to Extend Availability of FY 2009 School Improvement Grants (SIG) Funds**

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Nebraska will be requesting approval of an amendment to its Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 School Improvement Grants application to extend the waiver previously granted under Section 421 (b) of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA), 20 U.S.C. §1225 (b), to extend the period of availability of the FY 2009 SIG funds awarded under Section 1003 (g) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended, until September 30, 2014. This request to extend the waiver, submitted pursuant to section 9401 (d)(2) of the ESEA, would permit Nebraska to identify and allow local educational agencies (LEAs) with Cohort 1 SIG schools additional time to expend remaining FY 2009 funds in those schools.

Complete waiver notice can be found on the NDE Federal Programs webpage beneath the header "Waiver Request Notices" in the right hand column. (<http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Index.html>)

**Comments are encouraged and should be submitted via email to [diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov](mailto:diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov) by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 31, 2013.**



**Title I Annual Participation Report Due Date: June 14, 2013**

Contact: Diane Stuehmer (402-471-1740 or [diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov](mailto:diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov) ) or any NDE Title I Consultant.

ALL districts having Title I programs are required to submit this report. Please remember that the district needs to **Submit** and **Approve** the collection in the CDC (Consolidated Data Collection).



**NCLB Non Qualified Report in NSSRS Validation for 2012-2013**

Contact: Pat Madsen (402.471.4863 or [pat.madsen](mailto:pat.madsen))

The NCLB Non-Qualified Report will be available to your district/system via the Portal after your student grades template data is uploaded. The student grades data, plus teacher certification, the EECIA assessment, and/or HOUSSE approval are used to determine if a teacher teaching a course is NCLB Qualified in the required areas: English, Reading and Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Foreign Languages, Civics and Government, Economics, Art, Music, History, and Geography, Elementary, and Special Education PAC 1161 and 1162. The report will be updated nightly.

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act set forth the goal that general education and special education public school teachers would be 100% NCLB Qualified in core academic areas. New-to-the-profession elementary and special education teachers at the elementary level of instruction (or new-to-the-profession teachers at the elementary level of instruction) must pass the EECIA (Elementary Education: Curriculum and Instruction Assessment) in order to be considered NCLB Qualified in Nebraska.

The HOUSSE form, instructions, and contact information can be found at:

<http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Title%20II.html#NCLBTEacherForms>

HOUSSE applications received by June 14, 2013 will be reflected in the 2012-13 SOSR school data. Any requests for changes after June 30, 2013 will have to submit the Request to Submit Data Late or Make Data Changes in the CDC (Consolidated Data Collection) process.



### **Dashboard Pilot District Application due June 15, 2013**

Contact: Marilyn Peterson (402-471-4483) or [Marilyn.peterson@nebraska.gov](mailto:Marilyn.peterson@nebraska.gov)

The Nebraska Department of Education is inviting districts to apply to pilot the new dashboard being developed through the 2012 Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) Research and Data Analysis Grant. Nebraska has entered into a license agreement with the Ed-Fi Alliance which is providing a suite of tools and sample dashboards. Districts are needed to adapt the Ed-Fi system to meet Nebraska's needs and will use their own data to assist in assembling the system. Information on Ed-Fi can be found at [www.Ed-Fi.org](http://www.Ed-Fi.org). The application is attached. Interested districts need to apply by June 15, 2013.



### **GMS: 2013-2014 "McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Competitive Grant"**

Contact: Roger Reikofski ([roger.reikofski@nebraska.gov](mailto:roger.reikofski@nebraska.gov) or 402-471-2968) or Cathy Mohnike [cathy.mohnike@nebraska.gov](mailto:cathy.mohnike@nebraska.gov) or 402-471-1419)

The 2012-2013 McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Competitive grant application became available in the Grants Management System on Wednesday, May 14, 2013 and will be due by midnight, July 1, 2013



### **Clarification on 12th Grade Days in Session (CDC Days In Session/Instructional Program Hours) and Error #428 Too Many Enrollment Days on Student Summary Attendance (NSSRS Validations)**

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov))

#### **Days In Session**

When reporting 12th Grade Days in Session on the Days In Session/Instructional Program Hours Collection in the CDC, report the number of days that the majority of 12th graders were required to attend. For example, if the 12th grade students who graduated at the end of the school year were in membership for 165 school days, but 12th grade students who did not graduate were in membership for 170 school days, Days In Session for 12th grade should be reported in the CDC as 165 days.

#### **Error #428 Too Many Enrollment Days on Student Summary Attendance**

When reporting Days Present and Days Absent in the Student Summary Attendance for 12th grade students, those non-graduates who were required to remain in membership for the additional days will trigger error #428. Once the district has verified that these students are in fact reported correctly, they can disregard error #428 for these students. Changes to this validation are being considered for future school years to allow #428 to be considered as a warning rather than an error for these 12th grade students.



### **State of the Schools Report (SOSR) Calendar for 2013**

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov))

The following provides the dates when data and decisions will be available for review in the 2013 SOSR Preview prior to public release. Once the Report Card is released to the public, the data will not be changed so it is important for districts to review their data. The 2013 SOSR Preview will be available through the NDE Portal. Note, the Nebraska Performance Accountability System (NePAS) will be released to the public in August without graduation component. Graduation rates and ranking will not be added until November in order to include students who graduate over the summer.

Date	Activity
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April 29, 2013	NeSA Writing results released to districts in eDirect
May 24, 2013	NeSA Writing results released to public
July 10, 2013	NeSA Reading, Math and Science results released to districts in eDirect
July 12, 2013	2013 SOSR Preview Opens with data from End-of-Year NSSRS reports
August 13, 2013	NeSA Reading, Math and Science results released to public (district and school level data only )
August 13, 2013	Preliminary AYP results on the 2013 SOSR Preview for 30 day review
August 13, 2013	NeSA Reading, Math and Science results (disaggregated) on 2013 SOSR Preview
August 27, 2013	NePAS in 2013 SOSR Preview without graduation data or ranking
Sept. 13, 2013	AYP results final on 2013 SOSR Preview
Sept. 18, 2013	PLAS review begins on 2013 SOSR Preview
Sept. 27, 2013	SOSR 2013 released to the public
October 4, 2013	PLAS list added to the SOSR 2013 Report Card
Nov. 15, 2013	NePAS released with Graduation data and ranking, Drop-out data added to SOSR



### **NeSA-RMS Key Dates**

Contact: Valorie Foy (402-471-2495 or [valorie.foy@nebraska.gov](mailto:valorie.foy@nebraska.gov))

Assessment data are being prepared for release to school districts and to the public. Schedule below. Additional information on NeSA testing is available at the Statewide Assessment Website <http://www.education.ne.gov/Assessment/Index.html>

<b>NeSA-Reading, Math, Science</b>	
NeSA WebEx on Reporting R, M, S	July 1, 2 and 9
NeSA-R, M, S reports available to districts on eDIRECT	July 10
NeSA Reading, Math, and Science School and District Results released to public. Subgroup information remains embargoed until the release of the State of the Schools Report	August 13



### **The following collections are now open in the Consolidated Data Collection (CDC):**

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov))

#### **State Of The Schools Report**

District/school descriptions that appear on the State of the Schools Report website; grades for reporting NRT (elementary, middle and high school); Graduation requirements; District contact for assessment data. Was open on April 1, 2013; **Due Date 6/14/2013**

***Collection completed by Public***

For more information, contact John Moon - [john.moon@nebraska.gov](mailto:john.moon@nebraska.gov), (402) 471-1685

#### **Teacher and Principal Evaluation Survey**

NDE Principal Performance Survey and NDE Teacher Performance Survey (State Fiscal Stabilization Fund Assurances). Was open on April 15, 2013; **Due Date 6/14/2013**

***Collection completed by Public***

For more information, contact Diane Stuehmer – [diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov](mailto:diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-1740

### **Report of Suspensions/Expulsions**

Suspension/Expulsions (Including Firearm Expulsions). **Due Date 6/14/2013**

*Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated*

For more information, contact Jill Aurand – [jill.aurand@nebraska.gov](mailto:jill.aurand@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-3321

### **Days In Session/Instructional Program Hours**

Days in session by grade.

Instructional program Hours –KG, Elem & Sec. Also included in this collection are Pre-K instructional hours for public district/system operated early childhood education programs by attendance site. **Due Date 6/14/2013**

*Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated*

For more information on Days In Session, contact Bryce Wilson [bryce.wilson@nebraska.gov](mailto:bryce.wilson@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-3570.

For more information on Pre-Kindergarten, Tammi Hicken – [tammi.hicken@nebraska.gov](mailto:tammi.hicken@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-3184.

For more information on Instructional Program Hours, Freida Lange – [freida.lange@nebraska.gov](mailto:freida.lange@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-2444

### **ESU/District/System/School Information Report**

Collects demographic data for ESUs, Districts, Systems and Schools for the next school year. **Due Date 6/14/2013**

*Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated, ESU, Interim*

For more information, contact Kathy Heskett – [Kathy.heskett@nebraska.gov](mailto:Kathy.heskett@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-4738

### **Nonpublic High School Completer Report**

The Nonpublic Completer Report is for each nonpublic system that has the potential of serving students in grade 12. **Due date 6/14/2013**

*Collection completed by Nonpublic*

For more information, contact Kathy Heskett – [Kathy.heskett@nebraska.gov](mailto:Kathy.heskett@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-4738

### **Annual Participation Report**

Title I Part A School-wide Projects and/or Targeted Assistance Schools; Title I Part A Funded Staff; Neglected/Delinquent; Homeless – Unaccompanied. **Due Date 6/14/2013**

*Collection completed by Public*

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### **Pupil Transportation Report**

Transportation/Bus Information. **Due Date 6/30/2013**

*Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated, ESU*

For more information, contact Janice Eret – [Janice.eret@nebraska.gov](mailto:Janice.eret@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-2248

### **Postsecondary Terms**

Collects postsecondary term-specific information applicable to the 2013 academic school year. This data supports the Nebraska P16 Initiative and Nebraska P-20 SLDS. **Due Date 6/14/2013**

*Collection completed by Postsecondary Schools*

For more information, contact Jill Aurand – [jill.aurand@nebraska.gov](mailto:jill.aurand@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-3321

### **NDE Bulletin now available in RSS Feed**

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov))

We have added an RSS feed that users can subscribe to. Don't forget that the current and past NDE Bulletins can always be found at <http://www.education.ne.gov/ndebulletins/index.html>. The RSS feature can be found at

the above webpage in the upper right hand corner (orange icon). RSS feeds can be used with Outlook and a number of web-based feed readers. At this time we will also continue to send the bulletin out via e-mail.

### **How to contact the NDE Helpdesk**

There are three ways to contact the NDE Helpdesk with questions. All three ways get to the same place, so please only use one of these options.

1. Submit a "Helpdesk Request" from your portal account. After logging into the NDE Portal, it is available in the upper right corner of the Collection Announcement page. This will be the fastest way to get your request to the NDE Helpdesk.
2. Email: [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)
3. Call Toll Free: 888-285-0556 Please leave your full name, organization, call back number and a brief description of your question.

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